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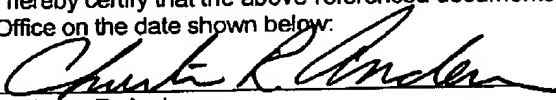
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In re Patent Application of)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 26, 2005, the shortened statutory period for reply expiring one month from the mailing date, Applicants hereby elect Group I claims, namely claims 1-25 for examination and prosecution in this application.

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney of record in this application, hereby cancel Group II claims 26-37 and Group III claims 38-53 without prejudice or disclaimer, and expressly reserve their rights to prosecute any or all of the non-elected claims in related or continuation applications.

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This election is made solely for purposes of expediting prosecution of this application. Applicants do not necessarily agree that this restriction requirement is necessary and proper. Applicants point out, for example, that the restriction requirement characterizes Group III claims 38-53 as being drawn to GUI for Network Managing and Monitoring, but the term "GUT" does not appear in that group of claims. Furthermore, on page 2 of the Office Action, the explanation that the claims of Groups I, II, and III are related as sub-combinations is incoherent and incomplete, particularly in view of the mis-characterization of Group III claims, but Applicants shall proceed as set forth above, rather than delay matters by waiting for a coherent and complete Office Action.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 07-2347 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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